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SUBJECT: HAITI TO NOMINATE M'BOW FOR UNESCO DIRECTOR GENERAL

1. PERMREP HAS RECEIVED CIRCULAR NOTICE FROM HAITIAN PERMDEL ANNOUNCING THEIR INTENTION TO NOMINATE FORMALLY AMADOU M'BOW (SENEGALESE) AS CANDIDATE FOR UNESCO DIRECTOR GENERAL AT NEXT UNESCO EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING. HAITI IS FIRSTNON-AFRICAN COUNTRY TO DECLARE FOR M'BOW. F.Y.I. MRS. M'BOW IS HAITIAN.

2. ANNOUNCEMENT FOLLOWS CIRCULAR FROM AFRICAN GROUP IN UNESCO REPEATING THEIR ENDORSEMENT OF M'BOW AND HOPE FOR SUPPORT OUTSIDE AFRICAN NATIONS.

3. BOTH INITIATIVES APPARENTLY INTENDED TO KEEP ATTENTION FOCUSED ON M'BOW AS SOLE DECLARED CANDIDATE TO SUCCEED PRESENT DIRECTOR GENERAL RENE MAHEU.

4. RECENT SOUNDINGS BY PERMDEL INDICATE M'BOW HAS SOLID
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AFRICAN SUPPORT INCLUDING NORTH AFRICANS AND GROWING

SUPPORT OF MIDDLE EASTERN ARABS.

5. WESTERN EUROPEANS REMAIN FORMALLY UNCOMMITTED BUT FRENCH SUPPORT FOR M'BOW A CERTAINTY IF THEI CANDIDATE (BLANCHARD) ELECTED AS DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ILO. UK AND FRG LEANING STRONGLY TO M'BOW WHILE REMAINING GENEVA GROUP MEMBERS ARE APPARENTLY STILL UNDECIDED. ASIANS ALSO UNCOMMITTED PENDING EMERGENCE OFSTRONG CONSENSUS CANDIDATE. LATIN AMERICANS DIVIDED AND COLOMBIAN (BETANCUR) AND MEXICAN (CUEVAS CANCINO) HAVE APPARENTLY UNREALISTIC HOPES FOR SUPPORT AS POSSIBLE DARK HORSE CANDIDATES IN THE EVENT OF A MAHEU M'BOW STALE MATE.

6. REGARDING RUMOR FINN PREMIER SORSA WILL SEEK DG SPOT, CONTINUE HEAR MURMURINGS THIS EFFECT AND WOULD NOT DISCOUNT POSSIBILITY. AT GENEVA GROUP MEETING REP. SWEDEN INDICATED--IF SORSA DOES TRYHE WOULD HAVE SUPPORT SCANDINAVIANS. ALSO RUMOR THAT FINN MEMBER UNESCO EXECUTIVE BOARD HELA WOULD BE PART OF THIS SHUFFLE BY MOVING TO BECOME PRESIDENT OF FINLAND. THUS FAR THESE ONLY RUMORS AND REPORTED SOLELY KEEP DEPT. FULLY INFORMED.
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